

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Friday, May 22, 2015

3:00 PM or upon recess

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce was held on Friday, May 22, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kevin Eltife, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton, Vice Chair
Senator Rodney Ellis
Senator Don Huffines
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator John Whitmire

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1486 and recognized Senator Watson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife moved that HB 1486 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The roll was called and a quorum was established. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 283.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 283 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2391.

Senator Watson moved that HB 2391 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2392.

Senator Watson moved that HB 2392 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2493.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 2493 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2634.

Senator Creighton moved that HB 2634 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed to carry with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

Senator Watson moved to that the vote by which HB 2634 failed to carry be reconsidered. Without objection; it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 2634 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3043

Senator Watson moved that HB 3043 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

Senator Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3438.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 3438 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3439.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 3439 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

Senator Creighton moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3938.

Senator Watson moved the committee substitute be adopted.

Senator Taylor moved that HB 3938 do not pass but that CSHB 3938 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Huffines submitted a motion in writing voting aye.

Senator Eltife resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3089.

Senator Ellis moved that HB 3089 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, Senator Eltife moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kevin Eltife, Chair

Brady Faglie, Clerk